

Holstein UK

Showing Rules

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RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR SHOWING DAIRY CATTLE

The following supports good animal husbandry practices at shows, while presenting a positive image to spectators. All exhibitors and their fitters, agents, or other representatives agree to abide by the following rules and regulations.

PART 1

The following practices or procedures are unacceptable in the show ring of registered dairy cattle:

- 1 Misrepresenting the age or ownership of an animal
- 2 Filling an animal's rumen unnaturally with liquid (tubing)
- 3 Balancing the udder by any means other than by leaving naturally produced milk in any or all quarters
- 4 Treating the udder internally with an irritant, counter-irritant, or any other substance to temporarily improve conformation or produce unnatural animation.
- 5 Treating the udder externally with an irritant, counter-irritant, or any other substance to temporarily improve conformation or produce unnatural animation. (Allowable practices / substances include the use of external anti-inflammatory substances for the well-being of the animal). No unlicensed substance to be entered inside the teat orifice. No setting of teats with any substance
- 6 Roping udders and the use of objects to physically improve definition of the suspensory center ligament
- 7 Administering epidural anaesthesia (blocking tails) and/or applying any irritant either externally or internally to the perineal (rectum and vagina) area.
- 8 Inserting foreign material/articles under the skin, into the topline (including hair not attached to its own hair follicle) or on the feet. (Administration of prescribed medications, and false switches and tails is permitted).
- 9 Performing surgery of any kind to change the natural contour of appearance of the animal's body, hide or hair. Not included is the removal of warts, teats and horns, clipping and dressing of hair and trimming of hooves.
- 10 Criticising or interfering with the judge, show management or other exhibitors, or any other conduct detrimental to the breed or show.
- 11 Wrapping hocks or draining fluid from hocks unless authorised by a veterinarian at the show.
- 12 No appliance shall be attached to the animal other than for milking.

PART II

All exhibitors and their fitters, agents or other representatives agree to abide by the following procedures:

- 1 Exhibitors, agents, employees or other person acting on behalf of an exhibitor shall deliver to an inspector upon request any hypodermic syringe, needle or any other device, swabs, cloths or other material, or samples or any medicine, preparation or substance whether in liquid or other form, for the purpose of laboratory analysis.
- 2 All entries and personal property of the exhibitors their servants and agents and persons acting on behalf of exhibitors, are subject to inspection by inspectors authorised by a show. All such persons shall co-operate with the inspectors and shall provide all such information in connection with such inspections and shall provide access to the animal and all information reasonably required by inspectors in connection with such inspections and shall provide, if so requested, samples of urine, milk, blood, or any other body fluids suitable for analysis
- 3 Exhibitors shall remove any udder supports, blankets or other objects limiting the ability of the inspector to undertake a thorough inspection.
- 4 The exhibitor agrees to act at all times in accordance with the Rules and Regulations for Showing and the Standard Procedures, and will accept any final decision made thereunder.

Violators are subject to the disciplinary provisions of the Standard Procedures and Penalties for Enforcing Rules and Regulations for Showing Dairy Cattle and/or other show rules and regulations.

These rules and regulations will be reviewed on a regular basis.

STANDARD PROCEDURES AND PENALTIES FOR ENFORCING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR SHOWING DAIRY CATTLE

The purpose of these procedures is to put into effect the Rules and Regulations for Showing Dairy Cattle as published by show organisers. Where this is any conflict between the Rules and Regulations and these procedures, the Rules and Regulations shall prevail to the extent of the conflict.

- 1 The fair board / local show committee will ensure all owners/exhibitors sign an agreement to abide by the Rules and Regulations for Showing Dairy Cattle, either as a separate document or as part of the entry form.
- 2 The Show Committee will appoint designated persons to act as a Rules Committee at the Dairy Show. The Rules Committee for the Show will be responsible for overseeing compliance with the Rules and Regulations for Showing Dairy Cattle.
- 3 The Rules Committee for the Show, or any agent or representative of the Rules Committee, shall act as the Inspector under the Rules and Regulations for Showing Dairy Cattle, for the purpose of monitoring compliance. To help in this regard, such person(s), their agents or representatives shall have the authority to perform on any animal entered any of the following.
 - (a) an ultrasound examination of the udder, prior to and after milkout where the possibility of such examination has been accounted before any judging in the class in which the animal is entered
 - (b) a milkout of any individual cow or cows
 - (c) the collection and testing of any of the animal's body fluids, at any time.
 - (d) The use at any time of any other technology and other inspections and/or analysis – including autopsy – that the Inspector considers may be useful for assessing compliance with the Rules and Regulations
- 4 The Inspector may, at any time, require the delivery of any hypodermic syringe, needle or other device, swabs, cloths or other material or samples or any medicine, preparation or substance, whether in liquid or other form, in the possession or control of the exhibitor, his fitter, agents, or persons acting on behalf of the exhibitor, for the purpose of laboratory analysis
- 5 All exhibitors, fitters, agents or other persons acting on behalf of the exhibitor at the show shall provide promptly to the Rules Committee, upon request, whatever information and produce any documents required by the Rules Committee for the proper monitoring of compliance with the Rules and Regulations and shall fully co-operate with any inspections
- 6 **The Rules Committee will try to warn an exhibitor or exhibitor's representative before showing that:**
 - (a) a complaint has been received of a possible violation of the Rules and Regulations for Showing Dairy Cattle concerning the animal to be shown, or
 - (b) the Rules Committee has a reasonable belief that there would be a violation of the Rules and Regulations for Showing Dairy Cattle if the exhibitor's animal is shown.

If the exhibitor decides not to show the animal after receiving such a warning, no violation of the Rules and Regulations will be considered to have occurred and no disciplinary measures will be taken against the exhibitor. The Rules Committee will only give the above warning to an exhibitor or exhibitor's representative where the committee considers it reasonable and practical to do so and not in circumstances of disqualification of entries under the Rules and Regulations
- 7 The Rules Committee shall have the option, following the judging of the milking cow classes, to ultrasound the udders, prior to milkout, of a representative number of the milking cow classes, or to take milk samples from a representative group of cows. If the Rules Committee undertakes the option to ultrasound the udders or to take milk samples, it shall make an announcement to this effect before the judging of the milking cow classes.

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- 8 Where, after the judging of the classes, the Rules Committee considers that there has been a violation of the Rules and Regulations for Showing, these procedures, or other show rules and regulations, the accused owner(s) or representative shall be notified of the alleged violation and shall confidentially be provided with information supporting the basis for the allegation.
- 9 The Show Committee shall appoint a Review Subcommittee to consider at a meeting any alleged violation of the Rules and Regulations, these Procedures, or other applicable Show Rules and Regulations relating to any animal which has been shown. The Chair or Vice-Chair of the Show Committee shall be a member of the Review Subcommittee and shall preside over these meetings.
- 10 A representative of or agent for the Rules Committee shall attend the rules review meeting to present the allegation and supporting evidence to the Review Subcommittee. An accused owner/exhibitor/fitter shall be asked to respond to the allegations. An accused owner/exhibitor/fitter may be assisted by a representative or agent. It is the obligation of every person, whenever requested, to attend a rules review meeting and to give whatever information and produce whatever documents may be required for the proper determination of matters pending before the Review Subcommittee. The Review Subcommittee will determine if any violation of the Rules and Regulations for Showing has occurred and recommend appropriate disciplinary measures. A finding of a violation and recommendation of disciplinary measures requires agreement by a majority of the Review Subcommittee. The determinations and recommendations will be reported in writing to the Show Committee, with a copy to the affected owner(s) or other parties.
- 11 Within ten (10) days of the Review Subcommittee report being received, any party to the rules review meeting may appeal in writing to the Show Committee – which, for the purposes of the appeal, will exclude any member (Chair, Vice-Chair etc) who served on the Rules Committee or Review Subcommittee. A copy of the appeal in writing shall be given to any other party to the rules review meeting, who may respond to those comments within ten (10) days of receipt of the written appeal.
- 12 The Show Committee, as referred to in the paragraph immediately above, will consider the recommendations of the Review Subcommittee and determine the appropriate disciplinary measures, for a violation by an owner, exhibitor, fitter or representative of the Rules and Regulations for Showing. Penalties for violation are at the discretion of each Show Committee. Such measures may comprise any or all of public censure, disqualifications or suspension from the dairy show and future dairy shows for up to three (3) years, notification to applicable dairy cattle associations, forfeiture of any prizes or prize money already received or to be received, and the levy of a charge for the recovery of reasonable costs incurred by the Rules Committee, Review Subcommittee and Show Committee in relation to the matter. The following guidelines are recommended with respect to appropriate suspensions as part of disciplinary measures to be imposed in the event of violations of the Rules and Regulations for Showing, these Procedures or other applicable Show Rules and Regulations.
- 1st Offence** - a minimum of one year probation to a maximum of one year suspension for the animal(s) owner(s), and fitter(s), or their representatives either individually and/or a combination thereof from all recognised shows
- 2nd Offence** - minimum one year suspension to a maximum of three years suspension for the animal(s), owner(s), and fitter(s) or their representatives either individually and/or combination thereof from all recognised shows.
- 13 The decision of the Show Committee shall be final.
- 14 A decision of the Show Committee finding a violation and imposing a disciplinary measure will be reported to the appropriate area club branch and Holstein UK. It is the responsibility of each branch to notify all relevant show committees within its jurisdiction.

STANDARD AGREEMENT BETWEEN OWNERS AND FITTERS FOR DAIRY SHOWS

I agree I am personally responsible for the care, welfare and condition of your animals during the period of the show. I acknowledge that I am responsible for my own actions and failures to act and for the actions and failure to act of all of my employees and anyone else who assists me with the fitting, care and show preparation of your animals.

I promise that I will abide by the Rules and Regulations for Showing Dairy Cattle, the Standard Procedures and Penalties for Enforcing the Rules and Regulations for Showing Dairy Cattle, and any other show rules and regulations. I will also ensure that all of my employees, agents, contractors and others who assist me with the fitting, care and show preparation of the animals comply with the same requirements. I understand that a failure to adhere to such requirements could result in disciplinary measures including possible suspension or ban of me, my employees and helpers, the animal(s), the owner and/or the exhibitor of the animal(s) from the Show and future Shows and the public reporting of disciplinary action, including to any association registering purebred livestock.

I release and agree to hold the Show, the Show organisers and its officials, directors, officers, employees, representatives, agents and volunteers (collectively the "Show organisers") harmless from any action taken under this agreement, the Rules and Regulations for Showing Dairy Cattle, Standard Procedures and Penalties for Enforcing Rules and Regulations for Showing Dairy Cattle and any other Show rules and regulations and release the Show organisers from and against, any injury, damage or loss suffered during or in connection with the Show, whether or not such injury, damage or loss resulted from or was contributed to, directly or indirectly, by the acts or omissions of the Show organisers.

I HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO THE ABOVE

Person in Charge (Print)

Signature of Person in Charge

Owner/Exhibitor Name (Print)

Date

c.c. Show Committee

STANDARD EXHIBITOR'S AGREEMENT

Farm Name:

Individual Name:

Address:

Telephone:

Mobile:

Fax:

AGREEMENT, DECLARATION, AND WAIVER

THE UNDERSIGNED, ON BEHALF OF THE EXHIBITOR AND ALL PRINCIPALS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EXHIBITOR, DECLARES THAT HE/SHE HAS READ, FULLY UNDERSTANDS AND WILL COMPLY WITH THE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR SHOWING.

If entry is accepted by the Show organizers, the undersigned on his or her own behalf and the exhibitor and the principals and agents of the exhibitor acknowledge and agree that they and each of them:

1. are bound by, and will act at all times in accordance with the Rules and Regulations for Showing Dairy Cattle, and Standard Procedures and Penalties for Enforcing Rules and Regulations for Showing Dairy Cattle, and will accept any final decision made thereunder;
2. accepts that any action which may be taken under the above may be reported to any association registering purebred livestock; and
3. release and agree to hold the Show and its officials, directors, officers, employees, representatives, agents and volunteers (collectively the "Show organizers") harmless from any action taken under this agreement, the Rules and Regulations for Showing Dairy Cattle, the Standard Procedures and Penalties for Enforcing Rules and Regulations for Showing Dairy Cattle, or any other show rules and regulations, and release the Show **organizers from and against any injury, damage or loss suffered during or in connection with the Show, whether or not such injury, damage or loss resulted from or was contributed to directly or indirectly, by the acts or omissions of the Show organizers.**

The undersigned further certifies that:

1. any animal entered is not currently barred from showing at any future dairy show in the UK; and
2. no owner of the entered animal, whether direct or indirect, is currently barred from showing any other animal at any future dairy show in the UK.

I declare by signing this entry that:

1. the entry information provided to the Show organizers is true and correct;
2. I have the authority to make this AGREEMENT, DECLARATION, AND WAIVER, and to bind all persons and enterprises with any interest in the entered animal(s) to the terms of this AGREEMENT, DECLARATION, AND WAIVER, and do so bind them, their agents, heirs, successors and assigns or, to the extent that I do not have this authority, will ensure that such person(s) sign this agreement;
3. I and all other persons and enterprises with an interest in the entered animal(s) accept full responsibility for my actions, and for those of anyone else, including but not limited to fitters, who are involved in the care of, show preparation and/or showing of the entered animal(s).

I HAVE READ AND AGREE TO THE ABOVE

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Signature, Owner or Authorized Agent/Representative

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Date:

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Print, Owner or Authorized Agent/Representative

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Date: